

# Nazareth in 1910--Queer Features of Life in City Where Christ Spent His Boyhood--Shop of Joseph Being Excavated

BY FRANK G. CARPENTER.

This is the home of Christ's boyhood. Here he came as a baby after that long trip to Egypt, where a man went to escape the bloodthirsty Herod, and here he spent all but about four years of his life. I want to tell you how Nazareth looks in this year of our Lord 1910. The town is situated high up in the mountains of Galilee, within sixty miles of Jerusalem as the crow flies, and sixty-seven miles from Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. It is within a day's ride on horseback of Mount Carmel, where Elijah slew the false prophets, and within four hours of Capernaum, on the Sea of Galilee, from where our Saviour took His apostles and where He first preached.

Nazareth lies in a nest in the mountains. It is in a little amphitheatre of hills with a rough and rugged aspect. The houses run up the sides of the hills and there is hardly a level spot in the whole municipality. It is not a large town. It has altogether less than 12,000 people, of whom about half are Mohammedans, who look upon Christ as a prophet. The remainder is made up of Greek Catholics, Latins and about 200 Syrians, of the Protestant faith. The town is one of churches and convents. It has some great monasteries and hospices where pilgrims are kept overnight.

The residences of the people are rectangular structures, which look more like great stone boxes than houses. They are usually of one story, with a door and two windows, and the most of them have flat roofs, which in the summer form the resting and sleeping places at night. Many of the buildings are in gardens. Some have cactus hedges about them and others are shaded by cypress trees. There are many olive orchards, and figs grow here as luxuriantly as they did in the time of our Saviour.

**Nazareth by Moonlight.**  
The buildings of Nazareth are ugly, but as a whole the city is beautiful. The sky is so blue, the air is so clear, and all the surroundings are so picturesque. I shall not soon forget a night when I had of the city. The moon was at its full and its great round silver disk changed the night into day. Its rays mellowed the yellow limestone of which the buildings are made, and transformed them to ivory. They softened the glare of the white, rocky roads, and the mountains and valleys look like those of fairyland. From the top of the hills I could see the plain of Esdraelon, which in its fertility vies with the Nile valley, and away to the west lay the mighty Mediterranean, which stretches on for 2,000 miles to Gibraltar and the Atlantic.

Nazareth by moonlight is wonderfully peaceful. At sunset all business stops and within an hour of its afterglow every one is in bed. There are few places which are so far from the strife of the world, and business seems

## HINTS FOR BEAUTY SEEKERS

**SATISFACTORY HAIR RESTORER.**—When the scalp is dry and hard and dandruff is present, the hair must be given attention or it will fall out, lose color and fall out with baldness often resulting. This is a recipe for a home-made quinine hair tonic that has restored hair to its natural color, stopped falling out and caused it to grow more thick and abundant after manufacture and use. Get from your druggist one ounce of quinine, dissolve it in a pint of water, then add 12 pint of water. Rub this tonic into the scalp and hair roots once or twice a week with the finger tips and a healthy condition and prevent dandruff. It is soothing and refreshing and keeps the scalp moist and healthy, and it is so effective in encouraging hair growth.

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**FACE CREAM WITHOUT GREASE.**—The use of a good complexion cream is a great aid to any one who desires a healthy, clear skin. A good complexion cream is a great aid to any one who desires a healthy, clear skin.

**TO REMOVE SUPERFLUOUS HAIR.**—Deltone is a safe and harmless electrolytic that is successfully used in removing superfluous hair from face and forearms. It is sold by druggists and is not expensive. It is a safe and harmless electrolytic that is successfully used in removing superfluous hair from face and forearms.

**A SHAMPOO YOU WILL LIKE.**—The ordinary shampoo is a bother and a torment. The catbox shampoo is a pleasure and a delight. Dissolve a teaspoonful of catbox in a cup of hot water, pour a little on the head at a time, and then rinse with warm water. This shampoo is so satisfactory because it produces an abundance of fine rich lather, that thoroughly cleanses the scalp and hair, relieves itching scalp, dries quickly and evenly, and leaves the hair light, bright and fluffy. It is a pleasure and a delight.

**TO PURIFY THE BLOOD.**—Pimples and blotches are an indication that the blood is out of order; so is a slow complexion and continual tired feeling. There is a remedy for this. It is a home-made skin tonic that purifies the blood, arouses the torpid liver and aids digestion. It is a pleasure and a delight.

**TO SOFTEN AND WHITEN THE SKIN.**—To clear up and whiten the skin and secure that charming youthful freshness so much desired by all women it is better to rely upon a good lotion rather than powder. To get rid of the shiny or muddy look in your complexion, dissolve four ounces of apraxin in 12 pint of hot water, and add two teaspoonsful of glycerine. Apply this to your face, neck and arms, rubbing gently until dry. This lotion does not show or rub off like powder, and it is much better. It is so effective in removing tan, freckles, pimples and sallowness.



TWO PRETTY LITTLE NAZARENES.

swallowed in the beauties of nature. The scenery is that of old Greece, and the stars shine gloriously out of skies which are perfectly clear.

The sunsets are surprisingly beautiful. I saw one the other night in which the silvery beams of the sun seemed to form a halo over this home of our Saviour. There were many white clouds in the sky, which changed, first to rose and then become golden, the color growing stronger and stronger, until the whole west was one blaze of molten copper and fire.

**Among the Nazarenes.**  
Coming down into the town, after watching one of these sunsets, I saw many Nazarene children and stopped to make notes. The little ones gathered around me, and it was not hard to imagine similar crowds which played in these streets nineteen hundred years since and of whom the boy Jesus was one. The little Nazarenes wore gowns of brown, red or yellow. The most of them were in their bare feet; the boys had caps of red felt, while the girls wore handkerchiefs or shawls tied around their heads. All were running and dancing and laughing and playing. Some were beautiful and especially the girls. I remember a rosy-checked baby which was carried by a roughish bright-eyed maid of eighteen.

I admired the baby, and chuckled it under the chin, telling the girl I would like to take it home with me to America. She promptly said I could have it, and thrust it out toward me. My face fell and I ran.

**In the Footsteps of Jesus.**  
There is no doubt that this is the Nazareth of Jesus, and that the hills and valleys about here were hallowed by His footsteps. It was here that the Angel Gabriel appeared unto Mary and told her that she would be the mother of Jesus, and it was here that she came with Joseph after the flight into Egypt. She waited only King Herod was dead, and then came to Nazareth, the child Jesus being still an infant in arms. It was from Nazareth that Jesus went to the Jordan to be baptized by John, and it was here that after He had begun His work our Lord came and preached in the synagogue, whereupon the Nazarenes cried out:

"We know not this Joseph's son." And they were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city and led Him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built that they might cast Him down headlong. But passing through the midst of them went His way.

I was shown the hill to which the Nazarenes led the Saviour, intending to cast Him down. It is about a mile and a half from town. The exact location of this place, however, is questioned.

There is another spot in Nazareth, now owned by the Roman Catholics, which claims to be the original site of the shop where Joseph worked as a carpenter. The place is in the Mohammedan quarter, not far from a bazaar where the Turkish merchant sits cross-legged and sell to the Christians. When I visited I met Father Kersting, who came here about three years ago, and is now superintending some excavations, which are being made. He has a number of Arabs working under him digging up an old church which was built there by the Crusaders.

**Where Joseph Worked.**  
They have just uncovered a grotto which Father Kersting tells me is undoubtedly the place where Joseph had his carpenter shop, and where, if so, the little Christ must have played among the shavings. I took a photograph of the place.

The various sects here make all sorts of claims. The Latins allege that they own the table upon which Christ dined with His disciples both before and after the resurrection. It is a block of hard chalk eleven feet long and nine feet in breadth. In another place in the Latin monastery is what is known as the Angel's Chapel and the Chapel of the Annunciation, where the Virgin received Gabriel's message. There is also an old cistern which is called the Kitchen of the Virgin, and in the centre of the town is Mary's Well, or as it is sometimes called, Jesus' Spring, or Gabriel's Spring. This is undoubtedly authentic, for it is the only spring or watering place that Nazareth now possesses or ever has possessed. It is, therefore, certain that the child Jesus and the Virgin frequented it, and that Mary came here daily for water. This is a fountain rather than a well. The water gushes forth in two streams into a stone basin, and from there flows into a stone-enclosed pool. There are always women with water jars about it, and the scenes of today are probably the same as they were in Christ's time.

**In the Nazareth.**  
Nazareth has thousands of pilgrims who come here every year to visit the places hallowed by the Saviour, and it is also the only line from the mountains of Lebanon to Jerusalem. Caravans



A NAZARETH CARPENTER. "I PHOTOGRAPHED A WORKMAN OF ABOUT THE AGE OF JOSEPH."



NAZARETH LIES IN A NEST IN THE MOUNTAINS.

van routes from Damascus to Egypt. The merchants sit there walled around with goods, and the customers stand out in the cobblestone roadway and bargain as to their prices. The streets are dirty and camels and Bedouins are continually moving through them. The men wear turbans and gowns, and the women are veiled or unveiled according as they are Mohammedans or Christians.

I was interested in the mechanical work going on in these bazaars. I stopped in a carpenter's shop, and photographed a workman of just about the age Joseph must have been when our Lord was a boy and passed as his son. I asked as to carpenter's wages, and was told they ranged from 50 cents to \$1 per day. In another business street I stopped a while with the blacksmiths who were making knives, razors, plow points and the like, thin, crescent-shaped sickles used here for harvesting. The sickles have teeth like a fine saw, the wheat and barley being saved off, as it were, I watched a blacksmith shoe a horse. He used a plate of iron of the shape of the hoof about an eighth of an inch thick. It was solid with the exception of a hole as large as a finger ring in the center. There were three small holes on each side for the nails which were driven into the hoof. When shod the horse's foot was entirely covered by the iron with the exception of the small hole in the centre.

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**The Boys of Nazareth.**  
During my stay here I have paid especial attention to the children. They are the best part of the Holy Land, and are as full of fun and as delightful as our children at home. I have seen families which recall that of Joseph and Mary. Here in Nazareth I see the little ones everywhere playing. There is a threshing floor on one side of the town, a place where the earth has been stamped down and where the grain is flailed or trodden out after harvest. This is one of the great playgrounds, where the boys come with their marbles and where they play ball. They have a game in which the boys try to throw the ball so as to hit a stone mark set up for the purpose. They also strike the ball with a club and send it beyond the threshing floor, to be caught by the boys outside. They play blind man's bluff, leapfrog and hide-and-seek, and as I went through the streets the other day I saw two little ones rising and falling on a board resting on the edge of a sharp stone, making a seesaw.

One of the games played is like our "Button, button, who has the button." The boys stand in a row, with hands folded, and the one who is it goes along and rubs his two hands, holding the pebble over each pair of folded hands, endeavoring to drop the pebble into one without being caught. It is then necessary to guess who has the pebble. We play the same game with the button.

Another game is known as the "tied monkey." In this the boy who is "it" catches hold with one hand of a rope, which is fastened to a peg in the ground, while the others beat him with handkerchiefs or ropes, in which knots are tied. If he can catch one of them without letting go his hold on the rope, the boy caught takes his place.

**Worth More Than Girls.**  
I observe that the boys here usually play by themselves. They rather look down upon their sisters, and the ordinary family considers the girl of but little account. When a girl is born, no fuss is made, but when a boy comes the friends of the family run through the streets, crying out: "Good tidings! Good tidings!" The father prepares a feast, and all of the friends of the family give presents of money for the

benefit of the boy. Immediately after the child is born it is rubbed over with salt. It is then wrapped in swaddling clothes so tight that it cannot move, and kept in that state for about a week. It is then unfasted, washed with fresh oil, salted and bound up again. This wrapping, oiling, salting and rewrapping goes on for about forty days, when the child is ready to wear the ordinary clothes of babyhood. This usually consists of one garment, and in the summer, if the child be poor, that is omitted, although a naked baby may wear a skull cap. The ordinary garment is a shirt which reaches to the knees, and as the children grow older they may have a jacket over the shirt.

One of the important ceremonies in naming the boy. In this the name of the father is always added. In olden times, if the son of James was named John, his name would be John, son of James, but now the words "son of" are omitted, and he is known as John James.

**Pretty Little Nazarenes.**  
I am surprised at the beauty of the Nazarene girls, and especially of the little ones. They have rosy cheeks and bright eyes, and are quite as good looking as our American babies. They dress in bright colors, some having rows of coins on their headbands and rings on their fingers.

I see many little girls at the fountain of Mary, each carrying a jar in which to bring water home. This is the work of almost every woman in Syria.

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The following are some extracts from letters Dr. Caldwell has received:

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"I liked the sample of Syrup Pepsin so much that I sent at once to my druggist for two 50c bottles, as I have it in the house for the family. My children like to take it, which pleased me very much as sometimes we have trouble in getting them to take other laxatives."—Chas. F. Reicher, 3101 Jamaica Ave., Richmond Hill, L. I.

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The little ones are taught by beginning with a tiny jar, which they steady on the head with the hand. As they grow older they use larger jars, until at last they are able to walk through the streets carrying four or five gallons of water on their heads without touching the jar. This work gives them erect figures, and there are no stoop shoulders nor curved spines among them.

When a girl reaches ten or eleven years of age she begins to think of marriage, and it is not an uncommon thing for her to be a mother at thirteen or fourteen. After marriage the wife becomes a member of her husband's family, and for the time at least, she lives with her mother-in-law. For this reason people believe in early marriages, whereby the girl may be trained by her husband's mother into a suitable wife when she grows up.

I wonder if the boys of our Saviour's time studied as do the Nazarene boys of today. Many of them are taught by the sheikhs, as half the town is Mohammedan. They sit on the floor and away back and forth as they are trying to learn. The teacher is sometimes blind, but he knows the voices so well that when one stops he knows the place where that boy should be sitting with a stick to strike him again. In our Lord's time the Scriptures were probably taught the same way to the Jewish children. The schools used here are largely made of cast-off coal oil cans, the tin being

cut into squares and pounded out flat. The Arabic characters are painted upon such tins with brushes and India ink.

The chief study of the Mohammedan boys is the Koran, and of the Jews the Psalms. At harvest time the schools close, and the children go out into the fields, gardens and vineyards. They are accustomed to work, and everywhere I go I see them herding the sheep. The boys use slings just as David did, and they are skillful in sending the stones where they please.

**Like Little Americans.**  
Some of these Palestine children are polite, and others are the reverse. When the good Arab boy comes into a room full of older people he goes around and kisses the hand of each one and places it on his forehead. He can be so sweet you might think him the son of innocence and piety, but take him outside and he will fight, kick and scratch with his fellows. A great deal of slang is used, and in a quarrel the most common expressions are those of cursing your enemy's ancestors. One boy will say to another, "Curse your father!" and the other will reply, "And your grandfather!" And so they will go on to the fourth and fifth generations, cursing the various branches of the other's genealogical tree. Here at Nazareth, we find the children very polite, but at Nabulus they throw stones at me and called me "a Nazarene," a contemptuous term which the Mohammedans of Samaria use for those who are not of their faith. (Copyright, 1910, by Frank G. Carpenter.)

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